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The Kansas Child Care Licensing Dispatch

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION

Welcome to the “First Edition” Child Care Licensing Quarterly Newsletter.



Our program purpose is to reduce the risk of predictable harm to children receiving out-of-home care. The Child Care Licensing Program enforces regulatory safeguards for approximately 6,000 child care facilities including day care homes, child care centers and preschools, school age programs in the state of Kansas.

Our newsletter is designed to keep you informed of important initiatives, services, and changes related to child care. In addition you will find aids for providers, parents and activities for children in out of home care.



Dog Days of Summer!

How Hot Is It?

With heat indexes reaching 115 degrees just days ago it reminds us all we are truly in the Dog Days of Summer. Here are some tips to ensure children remain safe while playing outside at home and in out-of-home care.

- ◇ Avoid out door play during the peak-sun hours. Please follow the link for a [Weather Watch Chart](#).
- ◇ Make sure children have sunscreen. Hats and sunglasses are beneficial protective barriers to the sun
- ◇ Ensure children have water available outside and encourage them to drink frequently
- ◇ Water play is an excellent way to cool down, however increased supervision and awareness may be necessary

Please follow the link for additional Sun Safety information, <http://www.skincancerprevention.org/>.

Special points of interest:

- [Weather Watch Chart](#)
- [Don't Fry Day Poster](#) and activities
- [Look Before You Lock](#)

For additional information regarding free screenings please visit:

[Early Detection Works](#)

Free Screenings for Women

Kansas Child Care Provider's Personal Health Care Matters!

The [Early Detection Works](#) program pays for clinical breast exams, mammograms, Pap test and diagnostic services for women who qualify. Regular screenings and prompt treatment can reduce deaths from breast cancer and cervical cancer. The program seeks to reduce the morbidity and mortality from cancer through prevention of cancer when possible and routine screening when appropriate. Other areas of interest include access to quality diagnostic services and treatment including access to clinical trials, as well as survivorship issues and if necessary, compassion and care at the end of life.

The program provides breast and cervical cancer screening services through service providers located across the state. It addresses other comprehensive cancer issues through a network partners who are interested in reducing the burden of cancer in Kansas.

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO OTHER KANSAS WOMEN



Exploring the World through Activities

Children love exploration and providing them with opportunities throughout the day creates an environment of consistent learning and fun. With the internet at our fingertips parents and teachers need only search a few words to get ideas for setting the learning stage through exploration.

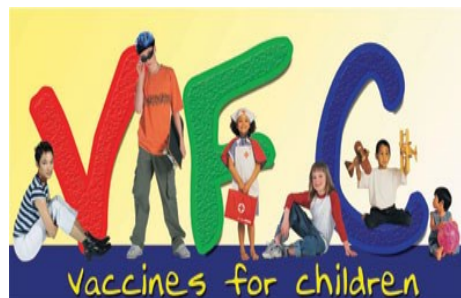
Activities can be limitless! For example, exploration involving food provides opportunity to teach about nutrition, where our food comes from and the growing fields of Kansas. Outdoor play is another opportunity to introduce the discovery of bugs, plant life, rocks and more.

Exploration can be as simple as an imagination game, as gooey as mud and sand or just require one to listen. Ask the children in your care what they would like to explore today, they may surprise you.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

[Visit the Kansas Immunization Program for all of your questions.](#)

[2015-2016 School & Child Care Immunization Information](#)



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Assuring the Health and Wellbeing of
Children in Out-of-Home Care.



- The original licensing law was passed in 1919; the licensing authority was later placed with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- The Department administers the licensing law as a preventive program to assure that out-of-home care for children and maternity patients will not be exploitive, unsafe, or unhealthy.
- The main purpose of the law is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of children receiving care away from their parents and home. It also provides consumer protection, assuring parents that the care meets minimum standards.

Who Do You Contact or Where Do You Look?

[Health Department Surveyor](#)

[Food Program](#)

Child Care Practices– [Caring for Our Children](#)

Department for Children and Families

* [Child Care Subsidy](#)

*[Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

Kansas Health and Environment– [Child Care Licensing](#)